

protect themselves against the crowd that they are compelled by their impulses to condemn and to respect. It is often claimed for the monogamic family that it provides a nursery and a class-room for the next generation and is essential to civilization if only on this account. It may certainly enable children to profit to the utmost by a mother's care and by the expenditure which a father is willing to incur upon those whose interests he identifies with his own. But many mothers are inefficient nurses : few parents are inspiring teachers : and from long time past in the upper classes of English society mothers have been content to leave their little sons to be instructed by schoolmasters and to be initiated by other boys into the ways of life. The difference between the ideal of family life and its actualities has been recognized by the State which during the last generation has itself undertaken to educate the children of the poorer classes and has even commenced to feed them. These children generally regard the school-house as their home and feel more respect for the school-mistress than for their mothers. And this is no matter for surprise. Family life loses its attractiveness in a single-roomed lodging and amidst the recreations of the pavement.

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If marriage apart we endeavour to analyse the cement which consolidates human society,

we shall find, here again, a variety of elements. Some relationships, such as that of master and slave, are upheld by the narrowest impulses of selfish interest; others, such as comradeship, display the depth of our social, or unselfish sympathies. Sympathy may be warmed by